

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32 are pending.

In a telephone conference on July 25, 2006, the Examiner suggested minor amendments to claims 1, 30, and 32 to clarify the claim language. The Examiner indicated that these amendments should place the pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner and Supervisory Primary Examiner Joseph Thomas for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative during that telephone conference.

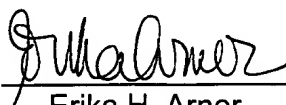
Pursuant to the Examiner's request and as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2), Applicant requests the entry of this Supplemental Amendment and Reply to Office Action in order to adopt the Examiner's suggested claim amendments and place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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